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END OF TERM – This term will end Friday 22nd October. The school will be closed on Monday 1st November for an inset training day. We will return to school on Tuesday 2nd November.

MRS LAWSON - It is with mixed emotions that we announce Mrs Lawson will be leaving us at the end of Term 2. On one hand, we congratulate Mrs Lawson on her appointment to Head Teacher, a logical progression for a school member who has led, guided and supported so many of our school community; but on the other hand we feel sadness to lose such an inspirational and active stakeholder of the school. Mrs Lawson has been intricate in the lives of staff, through her inspirational leadership and work ethic, with children, whom she has helped on so many levels, educationally and holistically, and parents, whom she supports above and beyond the call of duty. Well done Mrs Lawson, and good luck in your future endeavours!



From Mrs Lawson - I am very sad to announce I will be leaving Whitchurch Primary School at the end of the Autumn term, December 2021. I have gained a Headship nearer to my home in Taunton. It has been a truly unforgettable two and a bit years at Whitchurch Primary School, if not a little different to what anyone could ever have expected. Corona Virus was certainly eventful for all and it impacted on my thoughts and career.

The children, staff and parents have been a joy and have left a wonderful mark on my memories, so many laughs and smiles with all of you. I really have been very, very happy here and am sad to be leaving you all behind. I wish you all the very best for the future. Kind Regards and Best Wishes Always.

THERAPY DOG – Yesterday, we enjoyed a visit from ‘Bumpy’ a therapy dog, whom we hope will become a regular visitor at our school. Brought in by Mrs Willson, Bumpy has been professionally trained by a dog charity to remain calm in school and around children. What’s more, Bumpy has a particular interest in listening to children read! With parents’ permission, Bumpy will hear readers from mid November onwards. We can’t wait! Should you have any concerns (we are aware some children may be frightened/ allergic to dogs) please contact the school office.



MENU CHANGE – Please see the attached menu, cottage pie has been replaced with curry now on a Tuesday.

SCOOTERS - More children are scooting to school than ever, which is great for health and mental well-being, as well as cutting down on traffic! Please could we ask that all scooters are clearly labelled with your child’s name, and that a distinguishing mark, such as an attachment, paint or a sticker are added to them to ensure scooters go home with their rightful owners. Thank you.

NASAL FLU VACCINATION – An email was sent recently requesting consent for the nasal flu vaccine in school. Consent must be given before Monday 8th November. The school nurses will be administering the vaccine in school on Thursday 18th November 21.

PARENT ASSEMBLY - A huge Whitchurch thank you to Mrs Carloni, our second parent to present an assembly to the children!

Mrs Carloni talked about her job as a 'climate consultant', working with governments in various countries to advise them on reducing the causes of climate change.



The children asked some superb questions at the end, showing that they too have a good understanding of this important role. Thank you again Mrs Carloni!

MAYOR CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION – Please see attachment for details. The winning design will be turned into a Christmas card and sent to hundreds of organisations right across the West of England and beyond. If your child would like to enter, please print at home and hand back into the office by 01/11/21 so we can return by 10/11/21.

CARTRIDGE RECYCLING – We are now recycling printer ink cartridges for charity. If you have any new, unopened and out of date ink cartridges in packaging or used printer ink cartridges without packaging, please bring them into the office for recycling. We are unable to recycle laser or toner cartridges.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – In an effort to be more 'eco', our future after school club forms will be emailed out with the newsletter at the end of each term. If you would like to book your child on a free club, please text us – spaces will be given on a first come, first served basis. Please do not text us before the form has been issued as the clubs may change each term. Paid for clubs will still be available on Parentpay as previously.

OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION 2022 – Our open days for the new Reception intake next year are:
9th November 2021 – 2pm
3rd December 2021 – 9.30am

*We have added a new later appointment for those that work full time – 2nd December at 5.30pm

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – As in previous years we would like to take part in Operation Christmas Child. This involves filling and wrapping a shoebox to send as a Christmas present to needy children in other countries. It may be the only Christmas present the children will receive, some may be very ill or live in war torn countries.

We are able to provide pre-printed labels and boxes this year which are 40p each and available from the school office.

Please help us to achieve a target of 60 shoe boxes.



Boxes will need to be in school by **Monday 8th November**. For details of what to include etc please go to the charity website: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

DUE TO CUSTOMS REGULATIONS TOOTHPASTE, SWEETS, LOTIONS AND LIQUIDS ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED.

PTA NEWS - Thank you to everyone who supported the Back to School BBQ last week. It was fantastic to see so many people supporting the school. We raised over £1,300.

Next stop - spooky disco Wednesday 20th October. Reception, Y1 and Y2 4pm-5pm and Years 3-6 5pm – 6pm. £2 per child including ice cream and a drink. Tickets will be on sale after school from the PTA. Spooky dress up is optional.

Save the date for our Bingo evening - Thursday 11th November. Lots of prizes have already been donated including a £20 voucher for the Yeoman, wine and chocolates, and a voucher for Caffè Rossa. There will be a licensed bar and snacks available to buy.

We have just over 2 weeks left to benefit from the Tesco Brislington book sale. Please donate any books to the Customer Service desk and have a browse to see if there's anything you fancy!

PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!

Each week the school rewards children from each class with special certificates!

One will be awarded for excellent behaviour, the other for superb work. Photos may be viewed on the website shortly!

Last week's children are:

ROBINS - George has been praised – Chloe M has received the showcase award

PUFFINS: Eva L has been praised – Evie-Mae has received the showcase award

PARROTS: Alice has been praised – Charlotte has received the showcase award

SWANS: Ryan has been praised – Maisie has received the showcase award

SWALLOWS: Greta has been praised – Kadee has received the showcase award

KESTRELS: Blake has been praised – Jessica has received the showcase award

KINGFISHERS: Harry F has been praised – Mia has received the showcase award